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USDA RURAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTS BARTLEY WITH NEW EARLY WARNING SYSTEM

Bartley, Neb., August 31, 2005—The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development awarded \$11,800 to the Village of Bartley for installation of a new early warning system. New siren will be larger, includes a new radio control system allowing for activation from remote locations and by the E911 dispatch system, and has battery back up. New system will be audible to the over 350 rural residents of Bartley providing for the proper alert to residents of adverse weather conditions and emergencies. Village is contributing \$9,710 towards the project.

“Bartley’s current siren system is over 15 years old, has to be manually activated, and is not audible by the entire community. These factors place both the siren operator’s life in jeopardy as well as those residents who cannot hear the alarm,” stated Lennis Hodgson, area director for USDA Rural Development. “The new siren will greatly increase the level of protection afforded to this community.”

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